



Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

<i>Complete if Known</i>	
Application Number	09/756,792
Confirmation Number	6553
Filing Date	January 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Seiji UMEMOTO
Art Unit	2872
Examiner Name	Alessandro V. AMARI
Attorney Docket Number	O62563

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. [†]	Document Number		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code [‡] (if known)	
Q4		US-6,285,426		09-2001 Akins, et al.
QA		US-6,091,469		07-2000 Naito, Nobuo
Q9		US-5,598,281		01-1997 Zimmerman, et al.
Q4		US-6,266,108		07-2001 Bao, et al.
		US		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S REPORT ON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁴

Examiner Signature	Alessandro Amari	Date Considered	2/7/2004
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	----------

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.